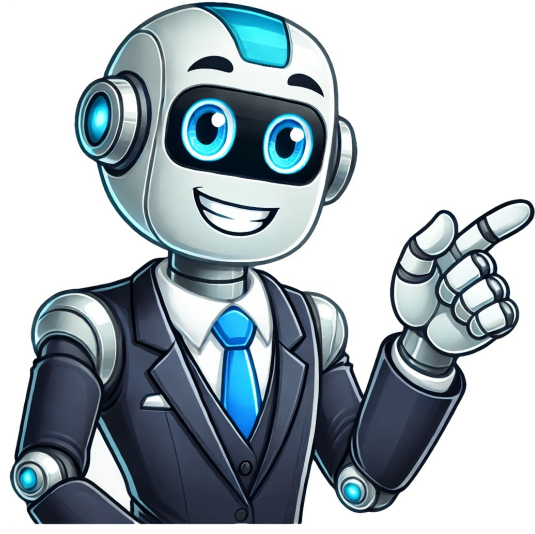


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Westboro Village is a bustling neighbourhood located just west of Wellington Village — where Wellington Street West becomes Richmond Road. With plenty of shops, restaurants, fitness studios and more, it's easy to spend a whole day exploring this lively neighbourhood. The neighbourhood of Westboro is bounded by the Ottawa River on the north, and Highway 417 and Carling Avenue on the south, Island Park Drive to the east, and Fraser Avenue to the west. The neighbourhood includes the communities of Westboro Village, Westboro Beach, Golden Manor, Dovercourt, Hampton Court, and Scott Hill. This area was considered cottage country during the late nineteenth century. Westboro became a police village in 1903 and remained so until its annexation to Ottawa in 1949. The area's infrastructure, such as sewers and streets, were installed during the 1940s to accommodate Nepean's first modern subdivisions which then totalled nearly one hundred homes. Nineteenth-century descriptions of the neighbourhood refer to its location along the Macadam Road to Bells Corners. That road is now known as Richmond Road, and where it slices through Westboro it is the commercial heart of the village-like neighbourhood, once the centre of the old Nepean Township. The old Town Hall on Richmond Road (pictured below) once housed the bell that later became the symbol of the former city of Nepean, now a part of the city of Ottawa. The Maplelawn Garden, boasting the second oldest building in Ottawa (built in 1831) and designated a National Historic Site, is located at the western edge of Westboro Villageillage. The other prominent street in Westboro Village is Churchill Avenue, which was known as Main Street, but was renamed in honour of Winston Churchill following World War II. A few blocks to the west, another street was originally named River Road since it bisected the neighbourhood and led down to the beach on the Ottawa River. That street was renamed Roosevelt Avenue for similar reasons post WW II. Westboro's integration into Ottawa, which already had streets named River Road and Main Street, also prompted the street renaming. Today, Westboro is a thriving community with a lively street scene. Several condominium projects are encouraging intensification and promising to bring more people to the neighbourhood. The village features murals painted by a local artist. The neighbourhood also boasts a concentration of outdoors and sport stores including Mountain Equipment Co-op, Vancouver-based Lululemon Athletica, Bushtukah, and The Expedition Shoppe and is close to cycling trails and whitewater rapids in the Ottawa River. The influx of these outdoor and sports stores, along with a number of boutiques, restaurants and coffee shops on Richmond Road are a significant contributor to the gentrification of Westboro that began in the 2000s and continues now. Westfest, a free Canadian arts and music festival held during the second week in June in Westboro Village, 2004-2015, featured a variety of local and national performers. (It subsequently moved to Laroche Park in Mechanicsville.) In August, one weekend is dedicated to the Fuse Street Festival, which is located on Richmond Road. Fuse Street Festival celebrates Westboro's unique dining experience with added fun of music and festivities. [photo: @missfish] Former Westboro Town Hall [photo: P199, Wikimedia Commons] Fuse Street Festival, Richmond Road [photo: Terry Sleeves, apt613.ca] Westboro Beach, located on the Ottawa side of the historic Ottawa River, is a vibrant and accessible destination for all seasons. Recently reopened, Westboro Beach offers new ways to enjoy the scenic shoreline. The site features renovated pavilions, a year-round restaurant, a seasonal café, and a supervised swimming area. New additions also include riverfront lookouts, a playground, and outdoor showers. In summer, you can enjoy a picnic, swim, rent water equipment or play volleyball. In winter, you can go sledding or ski, snowshoe, snow hike or hike on a multi-use winter pathway that leads directly to the pavilion. Westboro Beach is a part of the Ottawa River South Shore Riverfront Park Plan, which calls for the creation of a continuous riverfront park between LeBreton Flats and the Mud Lake conservation area. Westboro Beach is located at 745 Kichi Zibi Mikan, in Ottawa. It is easily accessible via the Kichi Zibi Mikan, public transit, and the Capital Pathway. Driving: Paid parking is available at Westboro Beach, across from the beach (66 spaces, with one universally accessible space). Additionally, a drop-off area near the pavilion features three universally accessible spaces. Public transit: The future Westboro and Kichi Zibi O-Train stations are within walking distance.Walking, cycling and skiing: Westboro Beach is accessible via the Capital Pathway along the Kichi Zibi Mikan. Bicycle racks are available year-round adjacent to the pavilions and throughout the park. Food and beverage services Westboro Beach Club The Westboro Beach Club, located in one of the Strutt towers along the beach, is open seasonally from mid-May to mid-October. Visitors can also enjoy scenic riverfront views and a unique outdoor dining experience in the summer. Schedule: Open from 10 am to 9 pm daily Menu: Grab-and-go picnic options and cold beverages Grand Pizzeria The Grand Pizzeria at Westboro Beach (opening in fall 2025), located in the new building, is open to the public year-round. Indoor seating is also available year-round. Schedule: Hours of operation to be confirmed at opening. Menu: A variety of tasty offerings, including gourmet pizzas, salads, calamari and alcoholic beverages. In summer, there is a designated swim area at Westboro Beach. Swimming conditions can vary depending on river conditions. Supervised swimming: The City of Ottawa offers supervised swimming on-site from June 21 to August 24, 2025 (noon to 7 pm). Water quality: Regular bacteriological testing is conducted by the City of Ottawa. Test results can be found on the Beach Water Quality Results webpage. Changing facilities: Universally accessible change rooms are available on the lower level inside the Strutt towers. They feature fold-down benches and infant change tables. In summer, you can rent kayaks, paddleboards, canoes and beach chairs. Hours of operation: 10 am to 6 pm daily Contact Wilderness Tours directly for details. Community-groomed multi-use winter pathway In winter, the Kichi Sibi Winter Trail leads directly to Westboro Beach. A team of volunteers maintains the trail in winter. Westboro Beach includes many universally accessible features, including: accessible pathways to and around the site's amenities accessible washrooms in both pavilions accessible parking spaces in the drop-off area and in the lot across the road, all within 110 m of the pavilions Dogs: Leashed dogs and pets are permitted on the pathways but are not permitted on the beach, children's play structure, or inside the pavilions. Food: Glassware is not permitted on the beach. Alcohol: You may drink items bought at the Westboro Beach restaurants on their respective patios or inside the building. No outside alcohol is permitted onsite, including in the landscaped areas. Boating: Motorized watercraft is prohibited from launching from Westboro Beach and the swimming zone. Fishing: Fishing is prohibited in the swimming and designated watercraft rental zones. History of Westboro Beach Westboro Beach has a rich history, which you can learn about through a series of interpretation panels and artwork. Rare stromatolite fossils, uncovered as the beach was being restored, offer a fascinating glimpse into the area's prehistoric past. The beach is located downstream from the watershed of the Noire, Dumoine and Coulonge rivers, called the "Three Sisters" by the Algonquin People. In the 1800s, the site hosted a large sawmill that processed logs from upriver. It was known as Shead's Mill. Though the mill is no longer standing, its remnants are now protected on a registered archaeological site (Bifw-71). Just south of the old mill site stands the Strutt Pavilion, a modernist structure designed in 1966 by architect James Strutt. With its expressive concrete form, the pavilion has served as a playful and iconic landmark along the river for more than 50 years. Its recent restoration was guided by a desire to preserve its bold design while welcoming a new generation of visitors. Current tenants include The Grand Pizzeria and Wilderness Tours. The forecasted budget for this project is \$21 million dollars, including a \$13.5M contribution from the City of Ottawa. This contribution was part of the 2015 agreement between the NCC and the City of Ottawa for the western light rail transit (LRT) extension and the creation of a riverfront park. The National Capital Commission has been doing extensive renovations since 2022, adding more amenities for visitors like a café, accessible pathways and a scenic lookout. Westboro Beach has been reopened to the public after extensive renovations performed by the National Capital Commission (NCC), which added picnic space, outdoor showers, gender-neutral bathrooms and more.The design was approved in 2022 and closed that summer for construction. It has only been partially reopened since then.The \$21 million project was partially funded by the City of Ottawa. It agreed to contribute as part of the agreement with the NCC for the light rail transit extension.An ice cream shop and café are open in the pavilion and the attached restaurant is expected to open soon.Yasir Naqvi, MP for Ottawa Centre, attended the opening ceremony Sunday."I look forward to seeing our community embrace this transformed beach, creating lasting memories and continuing to cherish our vital green spaces," he said in a statement.The Westboro Beach officially reopened to the public on June 1, 2025. The new pavilion includes a restaurant, café, ice cream shop and children's play area. Plaques detail the area's history and geology. (Campbell Macdiarmid/CBC)Yasir Naqvi, MP for Ottawa Centre, spoke at the opening ceremony. (Campbell Macdiarmid/CBC)A trio of brutalist concrete towers was built 50 years ago and stands sentinel over beachgoers. (Campbell Macdiarmid/CBC)A dog follows signs at the new pavilion. (Campbell Macdiarmid/CBC)The ice cream shop serves a wide selection for the most discerning customers. (Campbell Macdiarmid/CBC) At Westboro Mortgage Investment Corp., we specialize in empowering borrowers, brokers, and investors to achieve their real estate aspirations with confidence. For borrowers, we offer tailored mortgage solutions that ensure a smooth path to homeownership or property investment. Brokers benefit from our dedicated support and a range of exclusive perks through our Private Members Club, designed to enhance their business success. Investors trust us to deliver reliable returns through disciplined lending practices and secured mortgages. With over two decades of experience, we are committed to fostering growth and financial security for all our stakeholders. Join us and discover why Westboro is your partner of choice in the mortgage industry! Welcome! This is the official website of the Westboro Community Association (WCA). 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